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SUBJ: TITO GIVES A HUNTING PARTY

1. TITO HOSTED HIS ANNUAL HUNT AND DINNER FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION DEC 14 AT HIS KARADJORDJEVO LODGE, AND IT WAS QUITE AN AFFAIR.

2. AMBASSADOR DID NOT ATTEND HUNT BECAUSE OF CONCURRENT VISIT OF DOD/ASD/ISA ROBERT ELLSWORTH, BUT ARRIVED IN CONVOY WITH REST OF MISSION CHIEFS FOR BEGINNING OF DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. ALSO ATTENDING WAS EVERYBODY WHO WAS ANYBODY IN THE YUGOSLAV PARTY AND GOVERNMENT HEIRARCHY, PLUS A BUNCH OF TITO'S OLD PARTISAN FRIENDS FROM THE WAR YEARS.

3. WITH TITO IN THE LEAD AND OBVIOUSLY ENJOYING HIMSELF, THE EVENING SWUNG THROUGH FIVE COURSES OF FOOD, MANY WINES, THREE AND ONE-HALF HOURS OF THE BEST LIVE MUSICAL AND STAGE ENTERTAINMENT YUGOSLAVIA HAS TO OFFER -- AL THE WAY FROM MAGICIANS TO GRAND OPERA -- AND ENDED FOR THE DIPLOMATS AFTER 2:00 A.M. TITO GAVE TWO SPEECHES DURING THE EVENING
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4. AS THE DIPLOMATS LEFT TITO CALLED SOME OLD CRONIES BACK IN AND KEPT THE PARTY GOING UNTIL 4:00 A.M.

5. TITO ALSO HAD LED THE HUNT EARLIER IN THE DAY (HIS ONLY APPARENT CONCESSION HAVING BEEN TO NOT GO THE WHOLE DISTANCE IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION). IT WAS NOT THE PERFORMANCE OF AN UNWELL MAN.
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